# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have noted that increasing number of Afghan refugees travelling to and fro from India have been found dealing in narcotics;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that came to light during each of the last three years; and

(c) the action plan prepared by the Government to restrict/regulate outward movement of Afghan refugees and scrap their narcotic links especially to check the increasing attempts of narcotics smuggling due to Afghan War?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ( SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL )

(a) : Seizure of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in India, as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies, do not indicate that increasing number of Afghan refugees travelling to and fro from India have been found dealing in narcotics.

(b) : Number of Afghan nationals arrested in connection with drug related cases, as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies, as on 30.11.2001, during the last three years are 1999- Four, 2000- Six and 2001- Nil.

(c) :Government of India has already taken a number of significant steps to prevent and put effective check on drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts, training to officers, liberal reward scheme for informers, fencing of Indo-Pak border provided with flood lighting, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings by NCB, holding of quarterly cross-border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak Rangers.